



# Town of Groton - Public Works

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## Meeting Minutes

### Permanent School Building Committee

**Chairman Rick DeMatto, Vice-Chairman W. Gordon Lange, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Richard Monteiro, and David Russell**

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**Thursday, March 18, 2010**

**7:00 PM**

**Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1**

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**Regular Meeting**

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**1. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Chairman Rick DeMatto, Robert J. Austin-LaFrance, Richard Monteiro and David Russell

Members Absent: Gordon Lange

Staff: Wes Greenleaf, Director of School Buildings and Grounds, GPS.

Others: Catherine Kolnaski, Town Councilor.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

**2. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a) January 21, 2010**

A motion was made by Mr. Monteiro and seconded by Mr. LaFrance to accept the meeting minutes of January 21, 2010 as written. The motion passed with one abstention by Mr. Russell.

**4. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS (other than Subcommittee reports)**

**(a) PSBC Members**

None.

**(b) School Building Project Update**

Mr. Greenleaf told the Committee that the 049Fs' for the two elementary schools have been filed with State for final grant review. All furniture will be reimbursed by the State. The Fitch High School 049F is waiting for finalization of several change orders before it may also be filed. Staff continues to investigate several roof and wall leaks at Fitch High School.

**5. RECEIPT OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Phase II Committee**

A Phase II Committee report will soon be going to the Town. The recommendation is for one new middle school to house grades 7 and 8, possibly to be located on the King property. The Board of Education will put together the education specifications regarding the proposed elementary school plan for four to five elementary schools. Two schools for grades 2 thru 6 and two schools for Pre-K thru 1 schools. In discussing renovation potential in the existing schools the PSBC was told that Cutler Middle School has possibilities, Fitch Middle School and Pleasant Valley Elementary had little potential and West Side Middle School was questionable.

The PSBC wants to learn more about Phase II recommendations and would appreciate having Mr. Greenleaf and Chairman DeMatto bring the Architect's report to the next meeting. The PSBC would like to integrate the Building Specs into the Education Specs to ensure that the next Building Phase will be driven by a "Value Design" and not by a "Value Engineered" philosophy.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a) **Lessons Learned**

*Discussion postponed for the evening. The Committee will intensify its efforts to develop Building Specs listed in the "Lesson Learned" document.*

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

*None.*

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

*None.*

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.*